GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Terrorist Attacks
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of active terrorist organisations, the number of terrorist attacks reported, number of civilians and security personnel injured and killed along with the number of terrorists arrested and killed in such attacks during the last three years and the current year in the country,
State-wise;

(b) the number of terrorists facing trial in various courts and the measures taken to expedite such cases;

(c) the details of compensation paid to the victims of terrorist attacks during the said period, State-wise;

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(d) whether the Government is planning/proposing to implement new socio-economic policies so as to eliminate and deter acts of terrorism and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the measures being taken to combat terrorism in the country including
international cooperation and dialogues with neighbouring countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): 39 organizations have been listed as terrorist organizations in the First Schedule of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), the names of which are at Annexure-I. The details of terrorist/insurgent/extremist incidents in the country are at Annexure-II.

(b): The Central Government has so far entrusted 143 cases to National Investigation Agency (NIA) for investigation. Out of these 143 cases, charge sheet has been filed by NIA in 102 cases against 720 accused persons. In order to expedite the terror related cases being investigated by NIA, 40 NIA Special Courts have been constituted by the Government.

(c): The Government of India is administering a Scheme titled "Central Assistance to Civilian Victims/ Family of Victims of Terrorists/ Communal/ ..3/

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Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Violence and Cross-Border Firing and Mine/ IED Blasts on Indian Territory". The said scheme is effective from 01st April, 2008 in respect of terrorist and communal violence, from 22nd June, 2009 in respect of naxal/ LWE violence and from 24th August, 2016 in respect of cross-border firing and Mine/ IED Blasts on Indian Territory. The State-wise details of total expenditure incurred for the financial assistance to civilian victims of terrorist violence under the scheme are at Annexure-III.

(d) & (e): The Government of India has taken various measures to counter the menace of terrorism, which, inter-alia, include the following:

? Augmenting the strength of Central Armed Police Forces;
? Establishment of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai;

? Tighter immigration control;
? Effective border management through round the clock surveillance & patrolling on the borders;
? Establishment of observation posts, border fencing, flood lighting, deployment of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment;

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? Upgradation of Intelligence setup;
? Strengthening the coastal security.
? Amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in 2008 and 2012 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism.
? The creation of the National Investigation Agency under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts specified in its Schedule.
? Establishment of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) with an intention to link data bases for collecting actionable intelligence to combat terrorism and internal security threats.
? Amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in 2009 to inter alia, include certain offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, as predicate offence.
? Raising of the issues of Cross-Border Terrorism in all its manifestations including its financing in various multi-lateral and bilateral fora as part of India's zero tolerance policy towards terrorism.

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'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to tackle terrorism/ extremism, which inter-alia includes security related measures, development related interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities and public perception management.
Discussions on the issue of terrorism forms a significant part of the engagement between India and other countries at various international forums as also during high level and other visits and bilateral foreign office consultations. During such interaction, India actively engages with other countries for sensitizing them about its concerns regarding terrorism in general and cross-border terrorism in particular. It also seeks to forge common perceptions for mutual cooperation at the bilateral and multi-lateral level for addressing the scourge of terrorism.

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